

the rejection because there are at least 5 differences between US '469 and the claimed device (in order to provide a backward tilt to the paper inserted, only the embodiment shown in Fig. 3 of US '469 is relevant).

First, in the paper holder of US '469, the first holding means 7 does not have two bearing zones as required by claim 12.

Second, the space between the first and second holding means of the paper holder of US '469 does not have a top wider, as seen in a lateral projection, than a base.

Third, the space between the first and second holding means of the paper holder of US '469 does not progressively narrow, as seen in a lateral projection, to a greater extent near the top relative to near the base of the space.

Fourth, the first and second holding means of the paper holder of US '469 do not overlap each other partially, as seen in the lateral projection, to enable a curvature to be conferred gradually upon the paper to be inserted.

Fifth, the first and second holding means of the paper holder of US '469 are not arranged such that two lines of force are allowed to be created on the paper sheet towards the upper angles of the paper in order to rigidify the paper.

With at least the five differences, applicants submit that US '469 fails to anticipate claims 12-18. Withdrawal of the anticipatory rejection over US '469 is requested.

US '469 also fails to render claims 12-18 obvious because there would have been no suggestion or motivation to modify the paper holder of US '469 to arrive at the device of claims 12-18.

Conclusion

With the above reasoning, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in a condition for allowance.

If this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an appropriate extension of time. In the event any fees are required in relation to the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1060.

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